chemically contaminated water. The cost of operating such a plant is Rs. 20 per 1000 litres of purified water.

Ban on recruitment in army

3823. SHRI SYED SEBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some ban on the recruitment in army and other para military forces has been imposed in some States of country;

(b) if so, the detail thereof with background;

(e) whether Government propose to lift this ban in national interest; am}

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) With a view to re-structuring manpower in the Army and for more effective utilisation of budgetary all-ocations, the Army HQrs had temporarily suspended the recruitment of Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs) of all categories, in all States, during the period 14-5-92 to 31-7-92. There has been no ban on the recruitment into Central Para Military Forces.

Recruitment in COD, Delhi

3524. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1786 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that candidates in the unreserved categories who are selected in Group 'D' posts in the year 1992 in C.O.D. Delhi Cantt are allowed to join their duties;

(b) if so, on what grounds the candidates belonging to SC and ST categories who were selected in Group D posts in the year 1990, 1991 and 1992 are long awaited in queue to join their duties; and

(c) Action contemplated! in the mat ter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) 6 candidates of General category have been appointed against wastage vacancies existing prior to 1-1-88 not covered by the ban orders.

(b) and (c) The selected candidates, including candidates belonging to SC/ST categories, would be allowed to join after clearance of Ministry of Finance has been obtained.

सैनिक के लिए पुस्तकों और पत्रिकाओं का चयन

3525. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय में सैनिकों के मनोरंजन और ज्ञानवर्धन के लिए अलग से कोई अनुभाग है जो पुस्तकों और पत्रिकाओं की खरीद करता है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो पुस्तकों और पत्रिकाओं के चयन का आधार क्या है ;

(ग) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान सैनिकों के लिए किस-किस तरह की पुस्तकें और पत्रिकायें खरीदी गई है और उन पर कितना खर्च किया गया है ।

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) रक्षा कार्मिकों के लिए पुस्तकों का चयन करने के संबंध में रक्षा मंत्रालय ने एक पुस्तक चयन उप समिति बनाई है । तथापि, पुस्तकों की वास्तविक खरीद उप समिति द्वारा चुनी गई पुस्तकों में से, संबंधित मुख्यालयों द्वारा की जाती है ।

(ख) पुस्तक चयन उप-समिति को अनुमोदन के लिए पुस्तकें भेजते समय निम्नलिखित मानदंडों का अनुपालन किया जाता है :—

(i) पुस्तक मनोरंजक होनी चाहिए ;